

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the March 16, 2004, were presented for approval. Pavey made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORTS \* \* \***

Mayor Bridges reported the following:

- Council will be receiving an invitation for a meeting and tour sponsored by the Shelby County Fiber Optics Board for April 28 at 10:30 a.m. This will be an information session explaining what fiber optics is and what it can do for the community. There will then be a tour of several facilities in Shelby County using fiber optics. It will include a tour of the new Intelliplex Park at SR 9 and I-74. Lunch will be provided.
- Recently received a check as Chief elected Official for the Region 9 Workforce Investment Board from Governor Joe Kernan. The check was in the amount of \$116,110.00 and will be used to improve development and job training opportunities such as the WorkKeys program, which helps workers bring their skill levels up to the potential of their employer's needs.
- During the Board of Works meeting named Tim Williams as the new Assistant Chief of Police. Bridges welcomed Williams to the administrative staff and stated that he is looking forward to working with him in his new capacity.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

Copley asked Council for consideration of Transfer Resolution 9 and 10. Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-9 for a temporary loan. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-10 transferring monies from electric liquidation interest and CCI to the general fund. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Copley also informed Council that the State Board of Accounts is now auditing the City for the year 2003, which is a federal audit because of the monies received in the Northeast Revitalization project.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Street** – Bennett informed Council that they have cleaned approximately 340 catch basins. Most repairs needed were minor. The cost was approximately \$8,000.00.

Councilman Sheehan asked if Bennett had set a date for the Spring heavy trash pickup. Bennett said he did not have a definite date, but was looking toward the end of April.

**Park** – Mathews said he was very pleased to report that he will be receiving \$2,000.00 each from the Community Foundation and Rush Shelby Energy toward the improvements to the fitness trail. He is hoping to begin work on the trail later this month.

Mathews also invited Council to the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday at noon.

#### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Porter Advertising Agreement** – Richard Peterson was present representing Porter Advertising. Bridges asked Peterson to define "maintenance". Peterson said they have State permits and that they paint the trim each year and fix repairs as quickly as possible. Pavey said since the City has a moratorium on signs he did not feel the City should be leasing property for signs. Peterson said they deal with several local companies and thought if the signs weren't in place then that would hurt those local companies. Sheehan said he had received several questions regarding billboards and thought there were too many popping up. Sheehan also said in his opinion if the City decided to continue to rent the land for the billboards, that the rent we are currently receiving was way too low. Sheehan moved to refer the matter to the planning committee. And to have the Mayor draft a letter to the County asking them to consider a moratorium with a buffer around the city. Pavey seconded the motion. Peterson agreed to work with the planning committee. Motion carried.

**Fiber Optic Board** – Ron Lienemann reiterated the invitation to the Shelby County Fiber meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. He said they would be discussing real numbers and benefits. Lienemann then addressed several questions from the Council.

Mayor Bridges asked if there were any objections to moving out of order of the agenda since the codification ordinance changes would more than likely take some time. There being no objections, Bridges moved on to new business.

**NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Statement of Benefits for Trane Company** – Chris Deno, from The Trane Company, was present to answer any questions. Sheehan made a motion to approve the 3 statements of benefits for the Trane Company. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-6 Temporary Loan** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-6. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-7 Adding Monies Back to Appropriations** – Sheehan made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-7. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Resolution 2004-8 Submittal of Community Development Block Grant Application** – Kevin Polivick said we were denied the grant in the first submittal and that was the reason for the new resolution. Pavey made a motion to approve Resolution 2004-8. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Rush Memorial Hospital Workman's Comp Contract** – Discussion was held on the Contract with Rush Memorial Hospital regarding workman's comp, which would give a discount on out of pocket expenses. There were several unanswered questions. Pavey made a motion to table for further investigation. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**426 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street** – Bridges said he had a request to allow a driveway at the front of the house located at 426 West 1<sup>st</sup> Street. There is now a mud hole there. Officer Williams had checked the property and said the driveway would block the sidewalk and recommended an unfavorable recommendation to the Area Plan Commission. Council also agreed that if they allowed it this time there would be numerous people requesting the same thing and would cause many

problems. Pavey made a motion to recommend to the Area Plan not to allow the driveway. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED \* \* \***

**Codification Ordinance Changes** – Bridges recommended to have Newhouse make the changes on paper and have them incorporated on the disk in October so there would be no additional charges.

Following are some of the changes Council agreed to:

- 30.02 should read 3 and 2;
- 30.15 agenda should be posted at the entrance of City Hall prior to the meeting. The order of business should read Unfinished Business instead of Old Business;
- 30.22 the Mayor may waive rules under special circumstances;
- 32.01 delete Department of Civil Defense, leave Department of Law;
- 33.06 mileage will be by IRS standards and a \$35.00 per day per diem;
- 34.55 should be 21<sup>st</sup> Century Fund;
- delete snow removal plan;
- 90.02 add, vehicle must be in a permanent secured enclosed structure not visible to the public;
- 91.10 should reflect the correct fees

There were also several items Mayor Bridges will check for accuracy.

**Claims** – Pavey made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER